In the Claims

Claims 12-39 are canceled without prejudice.

Claims 1-11 remain in the application and are listed as follows:

1.   (Previously Presented) A method of processing a multi-media editing project comprising:

generating a request for one or more multi-media files for use in a multi-media editing project, the request being generated by a user computer that comprises part of a network where multi-media files are maintained in a network –accessible location;

intercepting the request;

ascertaining whether a requested multi-media file is located on the user computer by checking one or more user-designated directories for the multi-media file, wherein said one or more user-designated directories can be designated by a user specifying a path name for said one or more user-designated directories;

retrieving the multi-media file if the file is located on the user computer; and

seeking the requested file from the network-accessible location if the multi-media file is not located on the user computer.

2.   (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising asking a user to designate a local directory if a requested file is not found on the user computer.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising asking a user to designate a local directory if a requested file is not found on the user computer, and then searching for the requested file in a designated local directory before seeking the requested file from the network-accessible location.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said ascertaining comprises checking various predetermined file directories on the computer's hard drive.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said ascertaining comprises:

maintaining a list of directories where multi-media files have been stored in the past; and

checking directories on the list for the requested one or more files.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said ascertaining comprises:

maintaining a list of directories where multi-media files are stored; and

checking directories on the list for the requested one or more files.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said ascertaining comprises:

maintaining a list of directories where multi-media files have been stored in the past or are presently stored; and

checking directories on the list for the requested one or more files.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

maintaining a list of directories where multi-media files are stored; and

updating the list responsive to receiving and storing a multi-media file in a local directory that is not on the list.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

maintaining a list of directories where multi-media files are stored; and

updating the list responsive to a user designating a local directory that is not on the list.

10. (Original) One or more computer-readable media having computer-readable instructions thereon which, when executed by a computer, implement the method of claim 1.

11. (Original) A multi-media project editing application configured for execution on a user computer, the application being configured to implement the method of claim 1.

12. – 39. (Cancelled)